

John Finley McIntyre

Died: January 30, 1997

John died in Arlington, Texas, on Thursday, January 30, 1997. He was 57 years old.

A native of Detroit, John attended Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio. He was on the student council there and in the honor society. He also served as editor of the school newspaper, and was on the magazine, in dramatics, and played on the basketball team.

At Dartmouth John majored in government and pledged Sigma Chi. For four years he was in the R.O.T.C. program. He served two years on the dormitory council, and rowed crew for one year. He participated in the outing club during the entire time he was at the college.

After Dartmouth he went into the Army as a first lieutenant in intelligence, and left as a captain. Writing his Reflection for the 25th Reunion Yearbook, John said he “did a brief stint as an administrative assistant to a U.S. Senator,” then went to law school, at the University of Michigan.

John writes that he was a corporate lawyer for 20 years. “For fifteen of these twenty years, I traveled the world as a legal trouble shooter, awakening in strange lands to do business with some of the strangest of people,” he said. An obituary at the time of his death lists a private law firm in Detroit, the United Airlines, Upjohn, and finally in 1983 Alcon Laboratories as his corporate homes over the years. At Alcon, where he was working when he passed away, he was vice president, secretary and general counsel.

John gives Dartmouth kudos for having instilled in him “an abiding interest in modern art and an aversion to pork imparted by the dissection of a fetal pig whose indistinguishable anatomical parts had to be labeled for a zoology lab final.” The passing of the years, he said “has produced the realization that aging, if it does not bring wisdom, at least bestows a comforting degree of acceptance. My personal life has brought much satisfaction.”

John had three children, Katy, Hillary, and Ross.